



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
IHSS Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nancy Barrett, Alternate
Sheila Brown
G.G. Crawley
Patricia Dotson-Moss
Nelma Fennimore
Roy A. Reynolds
Kim Risser
Randy Schlecht - Alternate
Patti Strauch
Sharon Swayzer
Brenda Travis
Caroline Von Flue

MEMBERS ABSENT

Loretta Jemtson – Alt

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Bernard Domroy
Marcus Brown

DAAS STAFF

Linda Nelson, Assistant to the Director
Jennifer Mulhall-Daudel, Program Manager
Debbie Lunt, Executive Secretary II

PUBLIC AUTHORITY STAFF

Helen Lopez, Director
Rosa Hidalgo, Deputy Director
Myette Christian, Registry/Training
John Dixon, Staff Analyst II
Jessica Hoier, Staff Analyst I

ACTION(S)/MOTIONS

1. Call to order and Introductions

9:30 a.m.

2. Approve Minutes from February 2, 2011 meeting

Correction of Patti's name – it was spelled Patty instead of Patti in the "Action" text. Motion to approve the minutes with corrections:
(1) Roy (2) Randy. Motion passed – minutes approved with corrections.

3. Additions/Changes to Agenda

None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Kim was not at the meeting when the Chair's Report came up. Patricia read the highlights from the report Kim had sent in. See attachment.

6. IHSS PUBLIC AUTHORITY REPORTS (MYETTE)

- Registry is continuing to accept applications.
- The turn out for classes for providers who do not have six month's experience was lower than expected.
- Possibility that new fingerprint guidelines have affected people trying to become providers.
- No CPR training is scheduled currently – there is currently no money in the budget for this.

(JOHN)

- John will be certified to teach CPR – they are waiting on grant funds to proceed. Training is moving forward. This month training was held in San Bernardino,

Victorville and Rancho. Next month training will be held in Barstow and/or Yucca Valley (it depends on where the demand is).

- Current classes went well – fifteen (15) people attended in each class. They improved their test scores from 60% to 95%.
- CBI is going very well – completed the first waiver today. We have had four to five waivers since the process began.
- If prospective provider falls under the new Tier II Crimes, they have three options:
 - Appeal – I didn't do the crime; the information is incorrect.
 - Waiver – the client does not care what crime the provider committed – wants this person anyway.
 - General Exception – I committed the crime but I have been rehabilitated.

The appeal and general exception are handled by the state. The waiver is handled by the PA. The waiver process takes two to three weeks. It is ultimately up to the client whether or not the waiver goes through.

- Worker's Comp - three to four claims per month.
- Background checks – approximately 900 per month.

(JESSICA)

- In January 2011, received 10,800 payroll related calls.
- No data yet for February.

NOTE from ROSA: Union is currently conducting training. Although this training is good it is not mandatory for providers. There have been a lot of calls from providers that say they are being told in order to continue to be a provider they must take this training. This is not true at this time.

(HELEN)

- Nothing has changed much with the budget – it is still not settled. Budget Conference Committee has not made any final rulings.
- It is important to follow the timeline so

G.G. would like PA to send her the call stats by e-mail so she can share this information.

extension of taxes can be put on the ballot in June. If voters do not approve the extension, there will be 12 to 14 billion dollars added to the deficit.

- IHSS has not had much change to the original proposal. Not much fight is going on to change any of the proposals. There is still the 3.6% reduction of hours to clients (this should go away eventually). Then there is the proposed 8.4% reduction in hours. If this goes through, it will be permanent.

- The elimination of Domestic and Related Services for a number of groups – current language states that anybody who lives with anybody else will be cut. However, there will also be some exceptions. People who live with other disabled people or people who live with other IHSS individuals may be an exception. If you live with someone else who is able to do these domestics for you, it will probably go away – you will not receive these services.

- The Advisory Committee – according to the Legislature there was a mandate for counties to have an Advisory Committee and there was money attached from the state to help. The state has now said it is not necessary for counties to have an Advisory Committee and the money will be removed. In the past there was a Statute that said the county needed to have a committee and that PA needed to have a committee. Then they said we only needed one committee and this will serve the county mandate and the PA mandate. The state would give the county \$53,000 to support this committee and the PA would go along for the ride. So, now the \$53,000 is going away and the PA must still have an Advisory Committee. The Legislature did not want to get rid of the PA law. The PA will receive \$3,000 from the state to run the Advisory Committee. This means that the Advisory Committee will have no relationship

with the Board of Supervisors. The hope is that federal dollars will match that and the local government will put a little in and that \$3,000 could reach \$7,000. The PA will be looking at the following:

- Stipends, mileage under the county plan will likely go away
 - Can the PA afford to give smaller stipends?
 - How often will we have meetings? Currently they are monthly. Should we go to quarterly or every six months?
 - The Advisory Committee will need to be re-appointed through the Board of Directors.
 - Current by-laws will need to be looked at
 - The composition of the Advisory Committee will need to be looked at
 - Inter-agency agreement – will need to look at making changes to this
 - Ordinance that establishes the Advisory Committee will need to be looked at
 - May need to have a couple of operational meetings before July 1st to see how things will work.
 - Chart (with available options) will be brought into a future meeting.
- Helen handed out packets to all members – some things in the packet will need to be changed.
- This change is effective when the budget is approved (which should be July 1, 2011); however last year the budget was not approved until October. If the tax extension does not pass then there may not be an Advisory Committee because that \$3,000 will be the first to go.
- PA will provide support functions for the Advisory Committee.
- There will be no conferences, seminars, etc. because there will be no money for it.

- In April we should have more information regarding the Advisory Committee. Beginning in May, we may have to start really looking at how we need to do things.

7. DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES REPORT (G.G.)

- G.G. gave out three separate handouts regarding IHSS – “Eligible IHSS Cases (E and I Status)”, “Department of Social Services – CDSS” and “SSI/SSP Payment Standards”. December 2010 was the highest number to date for IHSS cases.
- IHSS orientation is going strong.

8. BREAK (10:20 – 10:35)

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS **LEGISLATIVE – (NELMA)**

- The state has ordered all state agencies and departments to stop buying give-aways. According to the Hi-Desert Star article, between 2007 and 2010, Health and Human Services Agencies spent \$778,678 on “swag”.

(CAROLINE)

- The proposed federal budget for 2012 is \$3.7 trillion. The breakout of Income and Outgo you may find rather interesting. (Caroline gave handout showing the U.S. budget – what money comes in and what the money is spent on).
- The Supreme Court ruled we have protected freedom of speech.

GOALS, OUTREACH AND AWARENESS **(G.G.)**

- No meeting was conducted – this sub-committee is waiting for goals to be set up at Training Session next month.

FINANCE (PATRICK)

- The committee spends approximately \$12,000 yearly in stipends. Mileage spent on the committee is approximately \$4,500 per year. Any conferences will most likely not be approved because it takes time to get approval from the Board of Supervisors and

depending on what happens with the budget, the Advisory Committee will be under PA instead of the county.

10. OLD BUSINESS

- G.G. advised committee that microphone would not be purchased. DAAS spent money to acquire the microphone and system we have in Conference Room A/B. We will have our meetings in that room so it should not be a problem.

TRAINING DAY(JENNIFER)

- The next Advisory Committee meeting, April 6, 2011, will be held at the National University in San Bernardino from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

NOTE: Directions to National University will be included with the minutes, as well as the agenda.

- This will be our Training Day. We will work through lunch so lunch will be provided to committee members. The Training Day Booklet will be handed out at the April 6th meeting.

11. NEW BUSINESS

None.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment – 1st – Patricia
2nd – Patti

Motion passed – meeting adjourned at 10:55a.m.

Linda and Jennifer will put Training Packet together for Training Day. Materials will be distributed that day except for directions.